

SENATE BILL 561

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, relative to the reporting of community benefits by hospitals, to define "community benefits".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(5) The joint annual report shall also include a description of the activities that the hospital has undertaken in order to address identified community needs within its mission and financial capacity. Such community benefits to be reported may include:

(A) Community-oriented wellness and health promotion;

(B) Prevention services, including health screening, immunizations, school examinations, and disease counseling and education;

(C) Adult day care;

(D) Child care;

(E) Medical research;

(F) Medical education;

(G) Nursing and other professional training;

(H) Meals delivered to the homebound;

(I) Sponsorship of free food, shelter, and clothing to the homeless; and

(J) Outreach clinics in socioeconomically depressed areas.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.